

I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor this Internal Revenue Code amendment. It would insure that all Americans with medical conditions that require special dietary approaches and individuals who are maintaining better health through the use of dietary supplements will not carry the burden of this additional expense alone.

TRIBUTE TO RACHELLE F. JAMERSON

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ms. Rachelle F. Jamerson, this year's National Minority Female Entrepreneur as chosen by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. Ms. Jamerson is most deserving of this award and I am pleased to count her among the constituents of South Carolina's Sixth Congressional District.

Before finishing high school, this ambitious entrepreneur put her talent for sewing and fashion design to work. Because no bank would take a gamble on a 16-year-old seeking to start a business, she raised her own capital by designing clothes, producing fashion shows, and creating a line of Greek paraphernalia.

She attended Winthrop College in Rock Hill, SC, and graduated with a bachelor of science in Fashion Merchandising. In further developing her entrepreneurial interests, Ms. Jamerson also attended a summer design session at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York in 1988.

By the age of 33, Ms. Jamerson had parlayed her early success in designing and selling women's wear into a diverse business that includes a nail salon, travel agency, financial counseling service and a deli. This "one-stop shopping" vision grew out of a need Ms. Jamerson perceived in her hometown of Orangeburg, SC.

The name of her business "Rachelle's Island" is a reflection of her vision. Her concept is that every visit to her store will seem like a mini-vacation. The idea has caught on and the number of "vacationers" visiting Rachelle's Island continues to increase. Ms. Jamerson's reported sales exceeded \$500,000 in 1998.

I applaud her ingenuity for turning a sewing skill into a diverse business. Such talent and vision are the hallmarks of a successful entrepreneur. Ms. Jamerson has demonstrated that she has an abundance of both.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me today in honoring Rachelle Jamerson for her outstanding achievements as an entrepreneur. Her hard work and dedication should be commended by this House.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO MURIEL OLBERT

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize a woman who was dedicated to the community, the church and her family, Muriel Olbert. In doing so, I would like to honor this individual who, for so many years, exemplified the notion of public service and civic duty. Sadly, Muriel recently passed away.

Muriel's many achievements and interests speak well of the hard working woman that she was. She was born in Mancos, Colorado, on January 2, 1908. Muriel graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in education after which she dedicated much of her time and energy to students and education, including Mrs. Trundell's Private School in Huning Castle. In addition to being a devoted member of the Saint Paul Lutheran Church for over 50 years, Muriel was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Lew Wallace Chapter of the D.A.R.

As is evident from her devotion to her faith and her family, Muriel will be greatly missed by all. She is survived by her daughter, her brother, her two grandchildren, and her three great-grandchildren.

It is with this, Mr. Speaker, that I say thank you to a fine and cherished woman. Her memory of love and dedication will live on forever.

HONORING AMERICA'S VETERANS

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to take this moment to salute each and every distinguished individual who has served our country in the United States Armed Forces. Our veterans should be commended for their outstanding contributions and dedication; they have made America great.

Every November 11, Americans take the time to say thank you for the freedom we so often take for granted. This country should not forget that freedom has a price. The sacrifices of those men and women who serve in uniform, as well as their families, have secured our liberty. We also need to recognize those that have paid the ultimate price of giving their lives for something greater than themselves. However, we cannot wait any longer to tell the veterans of today that they are important. It is time to say thank you.

I am a strong supporter of the National World War II Memorial which is to be built in Washington, DC. The site, located between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument, was dedicated by President Clinton in 1995. The American Battle Monument Commission has been working hard to raise the money to build the monument, for which they expect to break ground on Veteran's Day 2000. This is supported by all veteran's associations, with the American Legion being one

of the strongest supporters. Those interested in learning more about the efforts of the American Battle Monument Commission should contact their local veterans' organization.

I am proud of the thousands of veterans who reside in the First Congressional District of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that, on this Veterans Day, the residents of Valparaiso, Portage, Chesterton, Beverly Shores, Kouts, Burns Harbor, The Pines, Porter, Ogden Dunes, Dune Acres, Whiting, East Chicago, Gary, Lake Station, Hammond, New Chicago, Munster, Highland, Griffith, Hobart, Merrillville, Dyer, Schererville, St. John, and Crown Point join us in recognizing these noble individuals.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM ANDREW WHISENHUNT

HON. JAY DICKEY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 10, 1999

Mr. DICKEY. Mr. Speaker, one of the highest compliments a person can receive is to be called a "servant," someone who gives of himself for others. A man that I have known for many years, a man of outstanding reputation, a man who has given a large part of his life in service to his neighbors, a man respected by his peers, is about to make a major change in his life. The people of the fair state of Arkansas would be remiss if they did not acknowledge that change.

Andrew Whisenhunt of Bradley, in Lafayette County in Southwest Arkansas, was born in the town of Hallsville, Texas. His family, however, moved to the Natural State while Andrew was still a baby. Though technically this means that he is not a native, Andrew is Arkansas through and through.

He has long been in the public eye, and soon Andrew will step down from the presidency of the Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation after thirteen years. A modern-day tiller of the soil, he has been a farmer for as long as he can remember, as was his father before him. With loving support from his wife Polly, and with help from his five children—Warren, Terri, Tim, Julie, and Bryan—Andrew has built the farm where he has lived almost all his life into what has been called a model of modern agriculture. It is a testimony to his abilities that his family was selected Farm Family of the Year and that he personally was chosen as the "Progressive Farmer Magazine's Man of the Year in Arkansas Agriculture."

His love for his chosen profession has carried him far beyond the fencerows of this 2,000-acre cotton, rice, soybean, and wheat-and-grain operation. The journey began when he joined the Lafayette County Farm Bureau in 1955. By the time Andrew was elected to the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Farm Bureau in 1968, he had served in almost every office in his county organization, including president. In his early years on the Farm Bureau state board, he worked on several key board panels, including the Executive and Building committees. The latter panel's work resulted in the construction of Farm Bureau Center in Little Rock in 1978.